



Indiana State Board of Education

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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Jeff Zaring, State Board Administrator

DATE: November 24, 2009

SUBJECT: Learning Connection

Dr. John Keller, Director of learning Technologies, will demonstrate The Learning Connection.



ABOUT

The Learning Connection is a secure web portal provided by the Indiana Department of Education. Through The Learning Connection, the Department provides student-level data to Indiana classrooms. The Learning Connection also supports professional collaboration between educators across schools and corporations and provides standards-based instruction tools, assessment tools and access to digital content.



Educators

Any Educator interested in designing lessons, assessments aligned to standards, or wishing to collaborate and connect with other educators can register for an account. To access student-level achievement data, educators will need to be part of a school that has enrolled in The Learning Connection.

Educators who are a part of an Indiana school or school corporation that has signed up to use The Learning Connection may receive a registration code from their school/corporation.

School Administrators

Schools and corporations can utilize The Learning Connection to provide their staff access to student-level achievement data from the Indiana Department of Education. The Department provides student-level achievement data on ISTEP from 2004 to the present. Additional student-level data will be shared through The Learning Connection as it becomes available. System access for parents and students to is also available. [Learn more about enrolling your school or corporation.](#)

Students/Parents

Parents and students will receive information about the local plan for implementation of The Learning Connection from their school or corporation (including plans for parent and student accounts). Please contact your school about questions related to The Learning Connection.

Learning Connection Features

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LOG IN

Username:

[Forgot Your Username?](#)

Password:

[Forgot Your Password?](#)

Log In

NEW TO THE LEARNING CONNECTION?

If you don't already have access to The Learning Connection, it's free and it only takes a few minutes to register.

Register



Features Overview

The Learning Connection is an online system for schools, educators, parents and students that can be used to improve student learning and to increase connections between teachers, student and parents and between data and classroom practice. Educators can sign up for accounts on their own and receive access to a core set of features noted below. Schools and school corporations across Indiana can sign up to use The Learning Connection and gain access to additional features not available to individual educators signing up on their own. These features include:

- Secure access to longitudinal student performance data for administrators, educators, parents, and students
- Parent and student accounts for accessing class and achievement information
- Teacher web pages that can be integrated into school web sites
- Collaboration tools for school/school corporation wide announcements, discussions, calendars, etc.
- Curriculum design and document management tools

Access, review and analyze student data

- Reports on ISTEP+ achievement by student back to 2004
- Class summaries of ISTEP+ performance with insight into subgroup performance at the skill level
- Student performance on Indiana Academic Standards
- Parents and students may:
 - View current grades
 - Access historical achievement profile

Design standards-based lessons and assess student learning

- Class workspace for each class including (Educators)
 - Class calendars
 - Class web site
 - Lesson and student activity design and publishing tools
 - Online file space for lesson materials
- Class sharing for team teaching situations (Educators)
- Substitute teacher planning tools (Educators)
- Communication tools for the class including
 - Forums
 - Announcements
- Standards-based grading and student assessment

Collaborate with colleagues and connect classroom to home

- Connect with colleagues across the state (Educators)
- Create and join groups revolving around professional interests (Educators)
- Collaborate on curricular designs with colleagues (Educators)
- Manage a single calendar with events from many calendars (Educators)
- Communicate with colleagues through the message center (Educators)

- Receive notifications as new content becomes available (Educators)
- Publish your classroom web site (Educators)
- Parents and students may:
 - Communicate with your teachers online
 - Access class content online
 - Turn in assignment online
 - View grades and historical performance online

Access digital content

- Access digital content provided through the Department of Education (Educators)
- Find lessons published in by educators using The Learning Connection (Educators)
- Locate content shared with you by colleagues (Educators)
- Parents and students may:
 - Access standards-based content
 - Access class content for current classes